

## The Sunday-School.

### CHRIST AND THE MAN BORN BLIND.

BY THE EDITOR.

The story of the blind man (John 9: 1-11) and how his eyes were opened is a familiar scripture, and furnishes the basis for a very profitable and interesting Bible study. It was the common opinion among the Jews that every special affliction was the result of a special sin. In this the Jews were mistaken and Jesus proceeds to correct their theology. The man was born blind and surely he could not have sinned before he was born. Among the lessons taught in this narrative may be mentioned the following:

1. We ought to be busy doing good while we may. There is a great deal to do, and the time in which to do it is very short. "The night cometh wherein no man can work." There are a great many spiritually blind people all about us, and we should be busy helping the blind to see.

2. Sometimes our troubles become a blessing to us. If this man had not been blind he might never have received such kindness and mercy from Christ. It is a blessed thing when our afflictions bring us to Jesus. Then they will work for our good.

3. If we would have Christ bless us, we must do what he bids us. This man was told to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. If he had not gone he would not have had his eyes opened. He might have said, "Water will do no good, I have washed my eyes many a time, and it never made me see." But he *obeyed*. He went and washed and came seeing. People say, What good can water do in baptism? Or what virtue can there be in the observance of the ordinance of foot-washing? That should not be the question. Did Christ *command* it? If so, that settles all difficulties and doubts with one who is or wants to be a child of God. *Obedience* is what God demands, and without it there is no blessing.

4. When this man's eyes were opened he told his neighbors who had done it. That is what we should do when Jesus has blessed us. We should tell our friends about him and what he has done.

CHRISTIAN living and Christian character without Christ are impossibilities; with Christ they have been made a reality, before which the world has ever offered the homage of its admiration and respect.

THE man who has in him the elements of a worker for Christ will find a field or make one. Paul, when a prisoner, made converts in Cæsar's household.

## Matrimonial.

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